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## **Christmas in the Village First Weekend in December**

CANAL WINCHESTER – Canal Winchester is inviting family and friends to come to the annual “Christmas in the Village” event to kick start the holiday season!

The celebration will begin Friday, December 3 at 5:15 p.m. with a parade. Afterward, Santa will hold the tree lighting ceremony at 5:45 p.m. behind Stradley Place. Festivities will continue from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. On Saturday the parade will begin at 4:30 p.m., followed by the activities from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Activities include:

- Visit with Santa inside Huntington Bank
- Children’s games inside Chase Bank
- Electric trains and a craft bazaar inside the Community Center
- Ice sculptures and a popcorn station at Stradley Place
- Carriage rides in front of Huntington Bank
- Hayrides in front of municipal building
- Gingerbread house contest inside the Winchester Tea Room
- Children’s crafts inside Town Hall
- Tree lighting at the grassy knoll behind Stradley Place
- Children's train rides across from Town Hall

New this year, holiday scenes will be painted on many downtown business windows courtesy of art students from Canal Winchester High School. The parade route has also changed and will leave from Canal Winchester High School, turn left on Washington Street, right on Waterloo Street, right on High Street and end in front of Stradley Place downtown.

To learn more about “Christmas in the Village” or how to enter the gingerbread house contest, contact Carrie Hoover at 614-834-9727 or [choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov](mailto:choover@canalwinchesterohio.gov). To participate in the craft bazaar, please contact the Main Street Canal Winchester organization at 614-270-5053 or [brucejarvis@mainstreetcanalwinchester.org](mailto:brucejarvis@mainstreetcanalwinchester.org). Christmas in the Village information can also be found on the village’s website at [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov).

“Christmas in the Village” is a free community event hosted by the Village of Canal Winchester and Main Street Canal Winchester with the support from the Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce. The celebration wouldn’t be possible without the help of local businesses and volunteers.

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